

Application No. 09/617,168  
Amendment dated January 4, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of November 5, 2004,  
Notice of Non-Compliance of June 29, 2004 and,  
Second Notice of Non-Compliance of May 11, 2004

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of November 5, 2004, on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-15, 17-30, and 32-34 remain in this application. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claim 31 has been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1-15, 17-30, and 32-34 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, as set forth in this Official Action.

Claims 1 and 34 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. The phrase "at least one nozzle" has been amended to read "at least a first and a second burner nozzle." The phrase "one or more deflector jets installed at points substantially between first and second injectors" has been amended to read 'one or more deflector jets installed at points substantially between the first and second burner nozzles." As indicated by the Examiner, support for these amendments may be found in the specification at pages 11, line 23 to page 12, line 19.

Claims 2,3,17, 22-24 and 32-33 have been amended to correct the antecedent basis with regard to multiple nozzles.

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## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

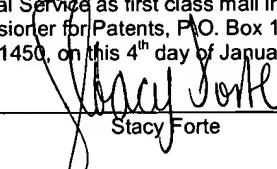
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